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Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, lines 4-7, please replace the paragraph beginning "This application claims priority" with the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/763,669, filed December 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,976,876, issued November 2, 1999, which claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/008,502, filed December 11, 1995, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.--

A marked up version of this paragraph is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 4 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as follows. A marked up version of amended claim 4 wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is underlined is attached hereto as Exhibit B:

--4. (2X Amended) An anti-hLH $\beta$ cf antibody which competitively inhibits binding of the antibody of claim 1 to human luteinizing hormone beta core fragment.--